

JOHN L. GRAVES, II,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.) **1:09CV841**
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 DETECTIVE T.M. YANCEY,)
 DETECTIVE W.D. MARSH, and)
 DETECTIVE H.S. BROWN,)
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 Defendants.)

There is pending a Motion to Amend filed by the Plaintiff. (Doc. 25.) In the Court's discretion, that motion is denied. Over two years after the lawsuit was filed, the Plaintiff now seeks to add a new Defendant who works for the Bristol, Virginia police

department. With the dismissal of the lawsuit against all current Defendants, the Plaintiff is essentially seeking to start a new lawsuit in the Middle District over events which occurred over five years ago in another state against a Defendant who works in another state. The requirements of Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure can no longer be met because there has been undue delay, and allowing the amendment would unduly prejudice the non-movant. *See, e.g., Hinson v. Norwest Fin. S.C., Inc.*, 239 F.3d 611, 618 (4th Cir. 2001); *Davis v. Piper Aircraft Corp.*, 615 F.2d 606, 613 (4th Cir. 1980).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants' motion for summary judgment (Doc. 16) is **GRANTED** and that this action is dismissed with prejudice. Plaintiff's motion to amend to add a party (Doc. 25) is **DENIED** without prejudice. A Judgment dismissing this action will be entered contemporaneously with this Order.

This the 27th day of January, 2012.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE